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C. BANGKOK 8217 (NOTAL) D. BANGKOK 27089 (NOTAL)

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS CARRY REPORTS SEPT 30 THAT AIR SIAM WILL SUSPEND TWICE WEEKLY DC-10 SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1 AND WILL INSTEAD OPERATE ONCE-WEEKLY SERVICE TO VARIOUSLY ZURICH OR PARIS UNDER WET LEASE AGREEMENT AND AIR CEYLON LOGO.

2. ACCORDING AIR SIAM OFFICIALS HOWEVER FINAL DECISIONS HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN REACHED ALTHOUGH AIR SIAM DOES INTEND TO OPEN SERVICE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER TO POINT IN WESTERN EUROPE. AIR SIAM OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO HOPE RTG WILL SOON ISSUE PERMIT FOR UNRESTRICTED AIR SIAM OPERATIONS BANGKOK-ZURICH. HOWEVER IF PERMIT IS NOT RPT NOT FORTH-COMING THEN AIR SIAM WILL PROCEED WITH PLANS TO WET
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LEASE DC-10 FOR ONCE WEEKLY BANGKOK-PARIS ROUNDTRIP UNDER

AIR CEYLON LOGO VIA COLOMBO AND BAHREIN. IN HTAT EVENT, DC-10 SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES WOULD BE REDUCED TO ONE PER WEEK AIR SIAM SOURCE SAID. TO DEGREE THAT LOS ANGELES SERVICE IS REDUCED, 747 SERVICE BANGKOK-HONOLULU WILL BE INCREASED SOURCE ADDED.

3. DR. DUN NAKAMADI, UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCED SEPT 29 THAT LAOTIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE PROPOSED THAT BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENT BE SIGNED DURING OCTOBER CIVIL AVIATION MEETING IN VIENTIANE (REF D). THAI AIRWAYS AND LAO AVIATION HAVE BEEN OPERATING ON BASIS TEMPORARY PERMITS AND AS NOTED REF B RTG HAS BEEN TRYING TO PROVIDE INCENTIVE FOR LAO TO CONCLUDE FORMAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

4. RTG OFFICIALS WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM INFORMAL DIVAIR TALKS IN LONDON, HAVE INFORMED BRITISH EMBASSY HERE THAT THEY PLAN ISSUE FORMAL REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS SOON IN HOPE OF BRITISH WILL INCREASE CAPACITY LIMITS ON SERVICE BY THAI AIRLINES TO LONDON AND TO KAND THROUGH HONG KONG.

5. WITH REGARD TO PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT AIR SIAM WOULD HAVE TO SECURE APPROVAL BY

MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS, AS LESSORS OF DC-10 TO AIR SIAM, FOR SUB-WET LEASE OF AIRCRAFT TO AIR CEYLON?.
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